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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN' S INTERVIEW WITH " AL- HAWADITH"

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1. PARA 8 REFTEL BRIEFLY SUMMARIZES INTERVIEW KING HASSAN GAVE BEIRUT WEEKLY " AL- HAWADITH" IN EARLY MARCH AND WHICH PUBLISHED MARCH 22. WE POUCHING FRENCH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF INTERVIEW PUBLISHED LOCALLY MARCH 24, BUT BELIEVE KING' S RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON HYPOTHESIS THAT CIA BACKED SKHIRAT AND AUGUST 16 COUP ATTEMPTS WORTH ELABORATING IN VIEW FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA' S CALL ON SECRETARY SCHEDULED MARCH 29.

2. KING SAID: " I EXAMINED ( CIA) HYPOTHESIS BUT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT INTEREST THE AMERICANS MIGHT HAVE IN OVERTHROWING THE REGIME IN MOROCCO. THEY KNOW BY EXPERIENCE THAT A FIRST COUP D' ETAT MIGHT REALIZE THEIR OBJECTIVE. BUT THIS COUP WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO A SERIES OF OTHERS WITH UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES. DISORDER BREEDS DISORDER. THE ADVENTURER USED BY THE CIA WOULD NO DOUBT BE OVERTHROWN BY ANOTHER ADVENTURER SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET OR CHINESE SERVICES. AT THIS IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POINT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN THE GREAT POWERS WOULD NOT HESITATE TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION IF THE WHIRLWIND OF  
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COUPE D' ETAT WAS UNLEASHED."

3. COMMENT: KING' S REMARKS COULD BE READ EITHER AS REJECTION OF HYPOTHESIS " CIA" BEHIND COUP ATTEMPTS OR ( PERHAPS MORE LIKELY STATEMENTS IN FIRST PLENARY BY WEST ALONE. LENGTHY DISCUSSION ENSUED RESULTING IN REMOVAL OF THIRD SENTENCE OF DRAFT HUNGARIAN STATEMENT WITH ITS IMPLICATION THAT PARTICIPATION WAS MATTER FOR HUNGARIAN CHOICE ALONE. PHRASE ABOUT THE SECURITY OF ANY PARTY WAS INCLUDED IN TEXT.

3. ITALIAN REP THOUGHT PARENTHETICAL PHRASE ( LINE 7, PARA TWO REFTEL) REFERRING TO FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR HUNGARIAN DECISION IMPLIED A BARGAIN OF ITALY FOR HUNGARIAN ENTRY. US REP SAID IT WAS A BROADER IDEA WHICH IMPLIED ONLY THAT THE OVERALL NEGOTIATING SITUATION AT THE TIME WILL HAVE TO SUIT HUNGARY FOR HUNGARY TO PARTICIPATE. HE STRESSED THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF INCLUDING ITALY IN A STATEMENT. ITALIAN REP REPEATED ITALIAN POSITION THAT ANY MENTION OF ITALY IN DECLARATION TEXT OR POSSIBLE EASTERN COUNTERPROPOSAL STATEMENT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

4. US REP RAISED IMPORTANCE OF HAVING LANGUAGE COVER HUNGARIAN TERRITORY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT WITH SOVS RATHER THAN SUGGESTING THAT IT WAS EXCLUSIVELY UP TO HUNGARY TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE. BELGIAN REP NOTED THAT THE SOVIET FORCES WERE IN HUNGARY ON BASIS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND THAT IF CONSTRAINTS NEEDED TO BE VERIFIED, HUNGARY WOULD HAVE TO BE IN, BECAUSE OF TERRITORIAL QUESTION. US REP NOTED THAT SOME TYPES OF AGREEMENT MIGHT ONLY REQUIRE SOVIET CONCURRENCE, OTHERS COULD BRING IN REQUIREMENT FOR EXPLICIT HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION. DUTCH AND NORWEGIAN REPS THOUGHT FIRST SENTENCE OF HUNGARIAN STATEMENT WAS REDUNDANT, BUT US REP WANTED TO RETAIN IT FOR BARGAINING FAT.

5. CANADIAN AND BELGIAN REPS WONDERED WHERE STATEMENTS WOULD GO AND WHETHER A NEW HEADING WAS REQUIRED. PLACEMENT OF STATEMENTS IN  
RELATION TO HEADING IMPLIED WHO WOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT HUNGARY  
WOULD JOIN. US REP THOUGHT QUESTION MIGHT BE LEFT OPEN UNTIL IT WAS DETERMINED WHETHER STATEMENTS WOULD FIT IN WEST' S PREFERRED  
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POSITION IN PARA 1 OF PROCEDURES TEXT. GREEK, TURKISH, ITALIAN AND NORWEGIAN REPS THOUGHT WE WOULD NOT NEED TO DECIDE THIS ISSUE NOW BUT TNDENED TO PREFER CLEAR INDICATION OF FLANK NON- PARTICIPATION,

THROUGH HAVING STATEMENTS MADE BY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS.

6. NEW LANGUAGE, SUBJECT TO FURTHER AMENDMENT BY AD HOC GROUP,  
READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

POSSIBLE HUNGARIAN STATEMENT

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY AGREES WITH THE VIEWS OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF HUNGARY AMONG THE STATES LISTED ABOVE ( REFERENCE IS TO PARAGRAPH BLANK, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, OR POSSIBLE TO BOTH LISTS) WILL BE DECIDED JOINTLY AT A LATER STAGE. THE DEGREE OF HUNGARY' S INCLUSION IN DECISIONS OR MEASURES RELATING TO CENTRAL EUROPE WHICH MAY BE AGREED IN THE COURSE OF THE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AND WILL ALSO BE DECIDED AT A LATER STAGE.

POSSIBLE WESTERN STATEMENT:

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ( BLANK) WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY HAS MADE CLEAR THAT  
THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF HUNGARY IN THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE NATURE OF HUNGARY' S PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, DECISIONS, OR AGREED MEASURES, OR TO THE SECURITY OF ANY PARTY. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE QUESTION OF HOW AND TO WHAT EXTENT HUNGARY WILL BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE AGREEMENTS MUST BE EXAMINED AND DECIDED DURING THE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

7. TALKING POINTS FOR NEXT MEETING WITH EAST: IDEAS FOR TALKING POINTS EMERGED AS FOLLOWS: EXPECT EAST TO ADVANCE IDEAS OF THEIR OWN, SINCE THEY HAD ASKED FOR MORE TIME; CONTINUE ARGUING THAT EASTERN POSITION IS INEQUITABLE BECAUSE IT FOCUSSES ON TWO EXTREMES E. G. EITHER FIRST OR SECOND LISTS, WITH NO CONSENSUS ON COMPROMISE ( WEST TO REPEAT THAT THERE WERE WAYS OF SHOWING HOW HUNGARY COULD BE KEPT OUT OF BOTH LISTS); IF EAST RAISES TEXT FOR CONCEPTS FOR WESTERN STATEMENTS, DRAW ON OUR OWN TEXT FOR GUIDANCE; AND

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